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SUBJECT: ZAIRE MAGAZINE COMMENTS ON DAVIS AFRICAN TRIP

1. AFTER LENGTHY AND NOTICEABLE ABSENCE OF COMMENTARY ON DAVIS NOMINATION, GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED KINSHASA WEEKLY ZAIRE MAGAZINE OF MAY 26 CARRIES ARTICLE ON RECENT DAVIS VISIT TO AFRICA CHARACTERIZING IT AS EVIDENCE THAT "FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SIX YEARS, AS THE ARCHITECT OF FOREIGN POLICY, HENRY KISSINGER HAS SHOWN SIGNS OF REAL INTEREST IN THE PROBLEMS OF AFRICA IN GENERAL AND IN THOSE OF SOUTH AFRICA, IN PARTICULAR."

2. WRITER CLAIMS THAT THE "GREATER PART" OF AMERICAN AMBASSADORS TO AFRICA DISCOURAGED SUCH A TRIP AND RECOMMENDED DAVIS POSTPONE IT "UNTIL AT LEAST 1976."

3. ARTICLE CONTENDS THAT "SEVERAL AFRICANS STILL THINK THAT DAVIS WAS NAMED TO HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE GOAL OF DESTABILIZING THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH OPPOSE AMERICAN DESIRES."

4. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH CATEGORICAL STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. WILL "DEFEND ITS INTERESTS NO MATTER WHAT THE PRICE

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AND IT IS THIS OBSCURE PERSONALITY, MR DAVIS, WHO IS

CALLED UPON TO DEFEND THEM IN AFRICA."

5. FINALLY, SAYS WRITER, "COMMUNIQUE SIGNED IN DAKAR
AND ABIDJAN INDICATED THAT THE MEETINGS WITH THE AUTHO-
RITIES IN THESE TWO CAPITALS HAVE BEEN FRUITFUL AND
USEFUL."
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